



United States Mint Announces Plans for Yellowstone National Park Quarter Launch Ceremony

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WASHINGTON — The United States Mint today announced that the launch ceremony for the Yellowstone National Park Quarter will take place on June 3, at 10:30 a.m. Mountain Time (MT), behind the Old Faithful Inn in Yellowstone National Park. The ceremony will also be broadcast live on the Web at: <http://www.americathebeautifulquarters.gov>.

After the ceremony, the public can exchange their paper currency for \$10 rolls of the Yellowstone National Park quarters at face value. Children 18 years old and younger will receive a new Yellowstone National park quarter to commemorate the event.

The Yellowstone National Park quarter is the second release in the United States Mint America the America the Beautiful Quarters™ Program. The Program, authorized by Public Law 110-456, is a 12-year initiative to honor 56 national parks and other national sites. Each year, the United States Mint will release five new quarter-dollar coins with national sites depicted on the reverse (tails side). The agency will issue these quarters in the order in which the honored site was first established as a national site.

The United States Mint, created by Congress in 1792, is the Nation's sole manufacturer of legal tender coinage. Its primary mission is to produce an adequate volume of circulating coinage for the Nation to conduct its trade and commerce. The United States Mint also produces proof, uncirculated, and commemorative coins; Congressional Gold Medals; and silver, gold and platinum bullion coins.

More information about the America the Beautiful Quarters Program can be found at:
<http://www.americathebeautifulquarters.gov>

More information about Yellowstone National Park can be found at:
<http://www.nps.gov/yell/index.htm>

A digital image of the Yellowstone National Park quarter is available at: <http://www.usmint.gov/pressroom/?action=Photo#AmericaTheBeautiful>

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